This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method of routing traffic, comprising:

- a) identifying a first point and a second point located on at least one existing road on a tract of land from where traffic is to be routed;
- b) identifying an area proximate to the tract of land, the area being suitable for supporting a further road for routing the traffic, and the area substantially encompassing a body of water;
- c) locating the further road through the area to span the tract of land <u>so that the further road is generally parallel over its length to the shoreline of the body of water and the tract of land,</u> the further road being located above the body of water; and
- d) linking the further road to the first point and the second point so that the further road provides an alternate route to the at least one existing road.
- Claim 2 (previously amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein step d) further comprises linking the further road to the at least one existing road at at least one intermediate location between the first point and the second point.
- Claim 3 (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the area extends generally parallel to the tract of land.

Claim 4 (previously canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

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Claim 6 (previously amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the further road is a bridge.

Claim 7 (previously amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the further road is a floating road.

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Claims 8-17 (previously canceled).

Claim 18 (new) A method according to claim 1 wherein the length of the further road is substantially the same or greater than the at least one existing road between said points.